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The five-cent nickel coin was introduced. Prior to this, the half-cent, two cent, three cent and 20 cent pieces as well as a silver half dime were no longer in use.

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SEVEN WEEKS' WAR

Prussia defeated Austria & unified Germany
Battles: Langensalza; KÖNIGGRÄTZ (Sadowa)
Leaders: BENEDEK; WILLIAM I; VON MOLTKE

July 3, 1866

BATTLE OF KÖNIGGRÄTZ (Sadowa)

220,000 Prussians defeated a similar
Nunberg Austrians and Saxons.

largest battle between Western
armies before 1914.

Its result determined the outcome
of the Seven Week's War

Prussia lost 10,000 men, the
Austrians & Saxons 45,000, including
20,000 prisoners

The Prussian foot soldier was armed with
breech-loading rifles far superior in
range & rate of fire

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Alfred invented dynamite.
Patented it in England 1867

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By 1866, blacks made up less than 5% of the seamen on the ships sailing out of New York.